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**Response to Rule 312
Communication**

The petition filed _____ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

Director,
Patent Examining Group _____

The amendment filed 07/19/02 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- entered.
- entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
- disapproved: See explanation below.
- entered in part. See explanation below.

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